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SUBJECT: OPEC CONFERENCE

AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BIELKA GAVE DINNER FOR CONFERENCE MINISTERS LAST NIGHT. DINNER WAS COURTESY GESTURE VIS-A-VIS OPEC BY GOA. DIRECTOR GENERAL LUDWIG BAUER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF AUSTRIA'S OIL ADMINISTRATION, TOLD ECONCOUNS THIS MORNING THAT GENERAL ATMOSPHERE AT DINNER RELAXED AND FRIENDLY. BAUER SAID OPEC MINISTERS WERE CAUTIOUS IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES DURING DINNER. HIS OWN PERSONAL IMPRESSION WAS THAT NO MAJOR CHANGE IN OIL PRICE STRUCTURE EXPECTED, AND THAT HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE "UNPLEASANT" SURPRISES FOR BALANCE OF THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASE IN COMPANY ROYALTIES, AND SAID THERE WAS DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE ABOUT A DIFFERENTIAL PRICE STRUCTURE, I.E., A SLIGHTLY LOWER PRICE FOR EQUITY OIL COMPARED TO REFERENCE PRICE. HE THOUGHT THAT SOME AGREEMENT IN THIS REGARD MIGHT BE REACHED BY OPEC MEMBERS AT CURRENT SESSION. HUMES

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